



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FY 2022 Annual Plan for Cleanup of Los Alamos National Laboratory Legacy Waste meeting to be held**

*EM-LA to present information concerning cleanup work completed in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021 and the cleanup milestones and target dates for FFY 2022*

**LOS ALAMOS** — The State of New Mexico's Environment Department (NMED) is issuing a courtesy reminder that NMED and the U.S. Department of Energy's Environmental Management Los Alamos field office (EM-LA) will host a public meeting on January 6, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in accordance with Section VIII.C.3.d of the 2016 Order on Consent (CO). This reminder is in addition to English and Spanish public notices sent to local and regional newspapers, the [NMED external events calendar](#), and the NMED LANL Facility Mailing List.

The CO is a settlement agreement between the NMED and EM-LA that was issued in 2016. The investigation and remediation of contamination from legacy waste at LANL is conducted under the CO. The CO both guides and governs the ongoing cleanup of legacy waste at LANL through a campaign-based approach and the annual planning process. The annual planning process allows for revisions to cleanup campaigns based on actual work progress, changed conditions and funding.

NMED will host the meeting and EM-LA will present information concerning cleanup work completed in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021 and the cleanup milestones and target dates for FFY 2022. The Appendix B of the CO, which includes the FFY 2022 milestones and targets, is available on the NMED website under the Compliance Order on Consent at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/hazardous-waste/lanl>.

In order to ensure that COVID-19 safe practices are observed, this meeting will be held via WebEx.

Meeting link: <https://hwb.webex.com/hwb/j.php?MTID=me9cffff32ae28b57d7a2bac79d7cbeae>

Meeting number (access code): 2632 980 0641 Meeting password: iKF3mdHMy73

The WebEx meeting can also be joined via phone: (415)-655-0001 Access code: 2632 980 0641

Should you need additional information regarding the public meeting, please contact Neelam Dhawan at [neelam.dhawan@state.nm.us](mailto:neelam.dhawan@state.nm.us) or at (505) 690-5469.

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*The agency oversees more than 1,000 public drinking water systems serving nearly all 2 million New Mexicans, in addition to programs that protect our land, air and water.*

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